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SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR FUSING SPINAL  
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Patent No.	Issued	Inventor(s)	Title
5,405,391	04/11/1995	Hednerson et al. ("sic")	FUSION STABILIZATION CHAMBER

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WO	99/63914	12/16/1999	Henderson et al.

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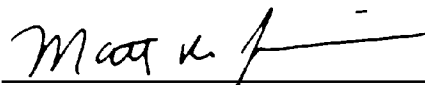
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